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SUBJ: UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS TWENTY-SEVENTH REGULAR
SESSION, FEBRUARY 7-25

1. YOU AS THE HEAD OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INFORMAL STEERING GROUP MEETING/DINNER SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 6 BEGINNING AT 6:30 AT THE HOTEL RICHEMOND. THE HOST IS DR. GEORGE LING (CANADIAN), DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS.

2. INVITATIONS ARE ALSO BEING EXTENDED TO THE HEADS OF THE DELEGATIONS OF CANADA, FRANCE, HUNGARY, INDIA, MEXICO, SWEDEN, TURKEY, TOGO, USSR, UK AND YUGOSLAVIA. IN ADDITION TO DR. LING, SECRETARIAT PARTICIPANTS WILL BE: KANDEMIR (TURKISH), DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS, AND NOLL (FRG), CND SECRETARY.

3. THE AGENDA FOR THE FEB 6 MEETING IS NOT YET FIRM. HOWEVER, WE ARE ADVISED THAT IT WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

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A. TIMETABLE FOR THE 27TH CND SESSION: THE SECRETARIAT WILL PROPOSE THAT THE GROUP RECOMMEND THE CND'S APPROVAL OF THE ARRANGEMENTS SET FORTH IN GENEVA'S 534.

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: IT IS EXPECTED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE, THE GROUP WILL RECOMMEND THAT

THE OFFICERS OF THE 1976 SESSION BE ELEVATED TO THE NEXT HIGHEST POSTS, AS FOLLOWS: PRESIDENT - PROFESSOR E. BABIAN (USSR); FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT - PROFESSOR BROR BEXED (SWEDEN); SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT - DR. D.M. SMITH (CANADA). THIS LEAVES THE POSITION OF RAPPORTEUR, FOR WHICH THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE WILL SEEK THE GROUP'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE CANDIDACY OF SHAHANDEH, HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF IRAN. AS OF NOW, WE KNOW OF NO OPPOSITION BY ANY OF THE INVITEES TO THE FEB 6 MEETING TO THIS PROPOSAL AND WE ANTICIPATE ITS ENDORSEMENT. SCHRODER, HEAD OF THE FRG DELEGATION, IS REPORTEDLY ALSO INTERESTED IN BEING ELECTED RAPPORTEUR BUT IN VIEW OF THE ALREADY HEAVY EUROPEAN REPRESENTATION ON THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED BUREAU WE DO NOT (REPEAT NOT) BELIEVE THAT SCHRODER'S CANDIDACY, IF PRESSED, IS LIKELY TO MEET WITH A FAVORABLE RECEPTION. SCHRODER MAY IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES TRY TO OBTAIN FORMAL COMMITMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR HIS SUCCESSION TO THE RAPPORTEUR POST IN 1978. WE DOUBT THAT MANY CND MEMBERS ARE LIKELY TO BE PREPARED TO MAKE SUCH COMMITMENTS SO FAR IN ADVANCE. WE RECOMMEND AGAINST THE UNITED STATES' DOING SO UNLESS THERE SHOULD BE GENERAL DISPOSITION THIS DIRECTION ON PART OF MOST LEADING MEMBERS OF THE CND.

C. NOMINATING AND SECONDING SPEAKERS: THE FEB 6 MEETING WILL ALSO DECIDE ON SPEAKERS TO NOMINATE AND SECOND THE ELECTION OF THE VARIOUS OFFICERS. TURKEY WISHES TO NOMINATE SHAHANDEH. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD SECOND THIS NOMINATION. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL FOR THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE BRIEF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS OF BABAIAN AND SMITH.

D. COMPOSITION OF STEERING GROUP FOR 27TH CND: THE SECRETARIAT HAS IN MIND SUGGESTING THAT THE STEERING GROUP SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF THOSE DELEGATION HEADS INVITED TO ATTEND THE FEB 6 INFORMAL MEETING PLUS EL HAKIM, HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF EGYPT. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE UNITED STATES PROPOSE THE INCLUSION OF EL HAKIM IN THE STEERING GROUP. HE TAKES AN ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE PART IN THE CND AND READILY PROMOTES INITIATIVES OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES.

E. SUMMARY RECORDS: THE CND SELECTS FOUR ITEMS ON WHICH SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE DISCUSSION ARE PREPARED. THE SECRETARIAT PROPOSES THAT SUCH RECORDS BE MAINTAINED IN RELATION TO ITEM 6 (PSYCHOTROPICS CONVENTION); ITEM 8 (WORLD REQUIREMENTS FOR OPIATES); ITEM 12 (UNFDAC); AND ITEM 13 (PROGRAM OF WORK AND PRIORITIES). WE

SUGGEST THAT THE UNITED STATES SUPPORT THE SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSAL.

F. CANADIAN PAPER: THE SECRETARIAT ASSUMES THAT SMITH (CANADA) WILL WISH TO UTILIZE THE OCCASION OF THE FEB 6 INFORMAL MEETING TO MAKE SOME INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS CONCERNING THE DOCUMENT CANADA HAS SUBMITTED ON LICIT SUPPLY AND DEMAND. THIS DOCUMENT HAS NOW BEEN CIRCULATED AS A WORKING PAPER AND WILL FORM PART OF THE BASIS FOR THE DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 8.CATTO

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